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Senate supports funding for low-income energy assistance

LANSING – The Senate today showed support for those in need by approving an amendment to the supplemental budget that would provide additional funds for low-income energy assistance.

“Our most vulnerable citizens need our help,” said Sen. Tom George, sponsor of the amendment. “A home is a refuge. Children, the elderly and the disabled should not freeze in their own house. This will help them keep the heat turned on during the long Michigan winter.”

The amendment to the 2006 supplemental budget designates \$21.5 million in state restricted funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps eligible low-income homeowners and renters meet their home heating and/or cooling needs. LIHEAP is a federal program administered by the Michigan Department of Human Services.

The supplemental budget bill now goes to the House for consideration.

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